

## THE VERMONT DEMOCRACY.

Resolutions Passed at their Recent State Convention.

Resolved, That the cardinal principle of our faith is unshaken devotion and loyalty to the constitution and the Union.

Resolved, That in the restoration of the constitution to its rightful supremacy is our only hope, and that the Union can be saved.

Resolved, That while we maintain that the Federal Government has lawful jurisdiction by virtue of the constitution, and that it is its bounden duty to maintain its supremacy and execute all laws of Congress constitutionally enacted, and overcome all impediment or resistance to the just exercise of such jurisdiction by all necessary military force, yet we protect against the usurpation and lawless despotism, for vindictive party ends of this administration, for it subverts the constitution and renders hopeless the restoration of the Union.

It has denied to sovereign States all constitutional rights, and thereby assailed them from all allegiance.

It has stamped upon a nation that it may install a military despotism upon the ruins of constitutional liberty.

It has waged a bloody war for the avowed purpose of extinguishing the rights of life, liberty and property of the citizens of the United States, and blotting from the American continent one-half of the states of the Union.

It has sought to arouse and enlist the wicked and malignant passions of race against all ends, if it but subvert the existing government and inaugurate American despotism.

It has struck down freedom of speech and of the press.

It has stripped from the American citizen his property and consigned him to the battle without process, without charge and without the right of defense.

It has, by military coercion, suppressed the ballot, and dictated elections at the point of the bayonet.

It has annulled every constitutional guarantee for the protection of the citizen and subjected him to the irrepressible tyranny of military violence.

Resolved, To the end that such evil be remedied, that a free, free, and free unrestricted election is not only a means of preserving essential rights, but is the very end for which government is instituted, and this right must be exercised at all hazards.

Resolved, And to the end that the present evils of the administration may cease, the overthrow of the arrogant and corrupt party in power shall be a primary object with every man, and we declare that our duty as well as that of all good citizens to defeat the election of Abraham Lincoln, and Andrew Johnson, for the office of President and Vice President of the United States.

Resolved, That a free press, free speech, free ballot, freedom of religion, and the right of habeas corpus to protect the liberty of every citizen are the essential elements of free government and a free people, and we look with alarm on the late proclamation of the President, declaring martial law in that State of Kentucky, as breaching the right of the citizen to free speech, and we will again be attempted to perpetuate the power of this corrupt administration.

Resolved, That we look with alarm and the worst apprehensions for the future upon the growing national debt and the depreciation of our currency. A free people ought not to interfere in the election of a President at the expense of future want and dependence.

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## JOLIET SIGNAL.

JOLIET, ILLINOIS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

Tuesday, July 26, 1864.

### Union Among Democrats.

The Abolitionists vainly flatter themselves that the Democrats will not unite in the support of the same candidate for the Presidency at the ensuing election. Because there is some difference of opinion among Democrats in regard to policy, it is inferred that they will not unite on principle in the great work of rescuing the republic from the hands of a party that has well nigh plunged it into the abyss of destruction.

Now the Abolitionists may as well abandon the hope in reference to a division among Democrats. The difference among Democrats relates to policy in regard to dealing with the rebellion. A portion of the Democratic party believe that the Union could best be restored by inaugurating a peace and referring our national troubles to a convention of States—holding that the war, as conducted, is daily widening the breach between the sections and making union impossible. Those are called peace Democrats. The other portion of the party are in favor of prosecuting the war with vigor until the Southern rebels shall be compelled to submit to terms of peace, without concessions or compromises. These are called war Democrats. Though we coincide with the peace Democrats, at the same time we can cheerfully give our support to candidates who may differ with us on the points named. And we have not conversed with a single Democrat of whatever views relative to the proper policy regarding the war and peace question, who will not yield his support to McClellan, Grant, Seymour, Pierce, or any of the distinguished Democrats named in connection with the nomination.

Therefore, those who hope that Abraham Lincoln may be re-elected and the imbecility, recklessness, prodigality and corruption of his administration perpetuated by dissections in the Democratic party, will find themselves greatly disappointed. However much Democrats may disagree on minor points, as to the incompetency, the tyranny, the corruption, the vandalism, the innovations, of the party in power, peace Democrats and war Democrats are perfectly agreed—and will act as one unit.

Not only the entire Democratic strength, but honest and conservative men of the Republican party—some of those who assisted to place the present profligate dynasty in power—will unite in the effort to elect a President who will not be the tool of Sumner and the radicals who would destroy the Union and the liberty and happiness of the white race to elevate the blacks to positions which the Almighty never designed them. Already Lincoln and his greedy and reckless advisers are becoming alarmed at the evidences of popular feeling against them, and are preparing to stay the current by the exercise of arbitrary power. But let Democrats and conservative men stand firm and resist all efforts to trample upon law and the rights of citizenship, even with force, if need be.

### The Two Parties.

There is a wide difference between the Democratic and Republican parties which should be prominently kept before the people. The Democratic party relies upon the ballot box to redress political grievances. The Republican party resort to bayonets and military intimidations at the ballot boxes.

The Democratic party believe that the constitution should be adhered to strictly, in time of peace or war.

The Republican party believe that the constitution should be disregarded if their party is in power, and the Administration of their choice deems it necessary to set it aside.

The Democratic party believe in the great constitutional right of the *habeas corpus* as a shield to the citizens against unlawful arrest, and that Congress alone can suspend it in the time of insurrection or invasion.

The Republican party believe that this right should not be regarded, if their partisan President should suppress it.

The Democratic believe that the civil law is superior to the military.

The Republican party believe that the military is superior to the civil power.

The Democratic party are opposed to arbitrary arrests without due process of law, where the courts are unobstructed.

The Republican party favor such arrests.

The Democratic party believe that the States are sovereign in all political power, which they have not delegated to the Federal Government.

The Republicans centralize power in the Federal Government and sanction acts which subvert the rights of the States, and suppress the liberties of the people.

The Democrats believe that the Union can be maintained only on the principles of the constitution upon which it was based—that when all of the States are not admitted as equals in the Union the Union itself cannot stand.

The Republicans propose that a portion of the State shall dictate to another as to the State institutions that shall exist within its jurisdiction, and hold that a portion of the States should be dependencies to the more numerous and powerful States.

The Democrats hold that secession and rebellion are hostile to the constitution, and wickedly in violation of the pledged faith of the States; and that the constitution and laws in pursuance thereof, shall be maintained in all the States of the Union.

The Republicans hold that the laws under the constitution shall be maintained, but destroyed by armed force—that the President's word or order shall override the constitution and law, and destroy not only provisions of the constitution, but State laws and State institutions. The Union as it was they will not have.

The people should judge which set of principles is the best in peace or in war, and which party is the most likely to save the Union.

Let those of our readers who wish to procure a choice article of tea call at the store of J. G. Patterson on Bluff street, opposite the National Hotel.

## Propositions for Peace.

The Abolition papers, a few days ago, informed their readers that some prominent Democrats in Canada conferring in regard to condition of affairs. It turned out that instead of prominent Democrats being engaged in the manner described, it was Horace Greeley, one of the founders of the Republican party and its acknowledged oracle.

It appears from the correspondence which has been published that two distinguished citizens of the Southern Confederacy, Hon. Clement C. Clay, of Alabama, and J. B. Hale, of Virginia, met Horace Greeley at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, and that certain propositions for peace were transmitted between the two nations. The rebel commissioners or agents were not officially endowed with power to negotiate terms of peace, but their relations with the Confederate authorities were of such a character as to leave little doubt but that their proposition would be endorsed by their government. While Greeley acted as the duly appointed agent of President Lincoln.

The rebel commissioners proposed the following propositions as the terms upon which the Confederate States would consent to a restoration of peace and the Union:

1st. All negroes which have been set free by the war, to be secured in such freedom.

2d. All negroes at present held as slaves to remain so.

3d. The war debts of both parties to be paid by the United States.

4th. The old doctrine of State rights to be recognized in reconstructing the Union.

Mr. Greeley telegraphs these terms to Mr. Lincoln, who refuses to accept them but replies, saying what he will accept, to wit:

1. The full and complete restoration of the Union in all its territorial integrity; the abandonment of slavery by the seceded States, under conditions which shall, while respecting the property rights of all loyal men, afford ample security against another war in the interest of slavery.

Upon the reception of Mr. Lincoln's note, the negotiations were brought to a close, and Messrs. Clay and Hale returned South, but not before, until they had replied in a note to the President's extraordinary proposition derogatory to the unfortunate termination of the interview, and remarking that they could not transcribe the proposition of Mr. Lincoln to their President without offending him and mortifying the scorn of their countrymen. They said an ardent desire for peace prevailed among the people of the Confederate States but that they would not purchase it at the expense of liberty, honor and self respect.

Thus, for the present, has terminated the effort to restore the Union as it was, and to stop the terrible and devastating conflict that is rapidly reducing our country to a wilderness, and destroying the lives of our people by thousands and tens of thousands.

We do not say that we would approve of the terms of peace advanced by the Southern commissioners, but we can not discover anything very unjust or unreasonable in them.

But relative to the terms set forth by President Lincoln, there can be but one opinion. He proposes propositions direct foreign to our constitution, subversive of State rights and the priceless heritage of self government. He openly avows what the Democrats and genuine Union men of our country have always charged, that the war, as waged at present, is a war purely and simply to abolish slavery, and not a war for the restoration of the Union.

Hence, upon the Administration and the Abolition party rests the terrible responsibility of this war. Who can doubt if we had had a Democratic President but that peace long ago would have dawned upon our afflicted land and that the Union would have been restored in all its wonted greatness.

Hon. J. O. Norton.—The *Joliet Republican* states that we have come to the decision of this gentleman, and thereby attempts to create a little prejudice against him among the Abolition friends. Now in this matter it asserts a deliberate falsehood. We have not volunteered to defend Mr. Norton from the malignant assaults of that paper, regarding it as a fight in which we had no right to interfere. So far from coming to Mr. Norton's defense, we will say that we respect him as an honest man and worthy citizen, we have fought him politically for the last eighteen years, and have always found him an opponent hard to be defeated. Unless he greatly changes his political views we always expect to be found battling against him and his party. But we will say this much however, that we have always found him an opponent free from the petty meanness that the Federalists were driven back with a loss of 6,000 men. The Federalists assert that their loss was less than 300, while the rebel commission asserted that they lost 4,000 men. He has returned to Lagrange, Tenn., the cause alleged for the movement being the scarcity of supplies.

Many communications continue active in Western Missouri. There is in Caldwell county, with a considerable force, and Gen. Fisk is in pursuit of him, and the rebel commission asserted that they lost 4,000 men. He has returned to Lagrange, Tenn., the cause alleged for the movement being the scarcity of supplies.

It has been a matter of inquiry by several persons, why Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana should be excepted in the President's proclamation, from being re-entrained grounds for loyal States. The reason is stated by the *Albion Democrat* in the following language:

Permission is thus given to loyal States to re-entrain in territory wholly or partially under rebel jurisdiction, but the only States where we of the West could possibly avail ourselves of the privilege are specially excepted—Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana. New England, Florida, North and South Carolina and Virginia—our troops must be white men, our sons and brothers. How long this system of vindictive favoritism is to go on remains for the people to say.

The Hartford Times gives the following estimate of the genuine Lincoln political family:

100,000 dishonest contractors,  
100,000 shoddy makers,  
5,000 political preachers,  
100,000 black Republicans,  
50 or 60 weak sisters, in Chase's department,  
100,000 negro slaves.

The recent rains wrought wonders in the growing crops. Wheat was far advanced to be effected, but oats, corn and potatoes have been greatly benefited. The wheat crop in this county will be light, owing to the drought, and the range of the crops but, but are excellent. And the prospect for corn was never better.

## George Thompson.

This British incendiary was recently received with high honor by the Republican and the President and Cabinet. Let this fact be pondered by honest men in connection with the following facts. In 1834, when he was in this country on his first mission of wickedness, one John Murkitt, of Tennessee, organized a formidable negro insurrection.

The diabolical scheme was discovered, and among Murkitt's papers was found the following letter from this infamous Thompson:

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 4th has come to hand, and its contents have been carefully observed. I think you can count upon the aid you demand with tolerable certainty by the time you name. I am prepared to do anything, and can perform any amount of justification of your views. Could the blacks effect a general concert of action, and let loose the army of destruction upon their masters and their property, the judgment of God might be seen and felt. It would reach the South. We must reach the tyrant in another way. We can prepare the feelings of most of the Northern and Eastern people by having THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNION be the object to be kept in view. War will result, and sacking and pillage and insurrection will follow. Their cities, with all the merchandise, may be destroyed; their lands plundered of specie; their paper depreciated; so that thousands of Eastern capitalists will suffer great loss, and would henceforth consider a slave country and unsafe place to make investment.

Such are the men surrounding Abraham Lincoln and receiving his aid and favor from his hands. And such and their sympathies claim to be the simon pure Union men of the country!

The ability of this administration to put down this rebellion may be seen in the fact that eleven-twelfths of the territory conquered by our troops is occupied only by wild beasts and prowling guerrillas.

The Washington *Intelligencer* says that Senator Sumner was on the train captured by the rebels at Gunpowder Bridge. He was not recognized, and was permitted to depart with the other passengers.

Our worthy and enterprising Mayor E. Porter, is erecting a magnificent brick residence on his property fronting on Broadway. For size, elegance and style of architecture, it will not be excelled in this city.

The *Loyalty Business*. The Urbana Union tells wholesome truths concerning the "loyalty business" of these latter days, to which we would invite the attention of the "loyal" leaders about town, who have no particular business, other than to stand on the corners of the streets and other public places, and denounce better and more loyal men than themselves. They are these:

1. People who have good offices under "government," who do not wish to lose them, and are looking for better ones.

2. People who, being in the country, are obliged, and having some connection with tax machinery.

3. People who have nothing in particular to do, and who like to be conspicuous in the crowd.

4. Parasites in religion, who are generally overage or weak in the breast, or have some other infirmity, and are in want of a good tax on other people's property.

5. Last, not least, the willing souls who go to conventions and are fishing for nomination, and who will tell you that a rebel looks like a whale or a weasel, just as they are required.

Men—People who walk on in decency and quietude, and who are not in the habit of denouncing their neighbors, but who are to be considered as having any part in the loyalty business.

The *News*. There are reports that Atlanta has been captured by the Federal forces, and other reports that only a portion of it is yet in Federal possession. The rebels suffered severely in the battles on Wednesday and Thursday last, and the Federal forces are in pursuit of them. The rebels are in a desperate straits, and are being driven back to the sea.

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